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## World Famous Lighted Boat Parade and Fireworks on the Lake—June 29th

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### 38 Marker Buoys Placed,

#### A Report From Jeff Alderson

I placed 38 marker buoys on the lake and river in time for the May long weekend. I had no issues except for the fast current on the river. I have enough brake rotors for anchors but I could use some more of the white bleach bottles (10 to 15) that we use for the marker buoys. I would remind boaters to use caution around the markers and to stay at least 50 feet

from them. Boaters should also be very cautious, especially at night, for floating debris and the floating bulrushes.

*Disclaimer: The Crowe Lake Waterway Association (CLWA) assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of these or other hazard markers. Their installation and maintenance is solely an assist to safe boating. Boaters are still required to exercise caution in respect to water depth and unforeseen hazards.*

[If you have brake rotors or bleach bottles for Jeff, please contact us by email at [info@clwa.ca](mailto:info@clwa.ca).]



## CROWE LAKE FIREWORKS AND BOAT PARADE

SATURDAY  
JUNE 29

Final planning and purchasing of fireworks is well underway and with the addition of a number of new and wonderful displays, this promises to be "the best show ever". We plan to ignite slightly over 1000 charges (all types) over an insanely busy, noisy, smoky and colourful fifteen minutes of Canada Day weekend celebration.

Detonation starts at dusk and only after the completion of the World Famous Lighted Boat Parade which begins at approximately 8:30 PM from the Blairton Lighthouse and travels the entire lake and ends in the vicinity of Stoney Island just in time for the show to begin.

It's not going to rain but just in case, the rain date is Sunday June 30.

SUMMER

Crowe Lake Matters

2019

### **The Facts about Floating Cat-tail Mats (or Bogs) on Crowe Lake**

Crowe Lake Waterway Association (CLWA) is monitoring the floating cat-tail mats or “bogs” which have been seen drifting down the lake over the last few weeks. As affected lake residents, we share your concerns about where these come from, how they affect the lake, and what or should be done about it.

Here are the facts:

CLWA in Action. In 2018, we struck a committee to research these mats so that we could better understand their cause and provide guidance on how to address them. We enlisted the help of Crowe Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA), the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), and the Federation of Ontario Cottager Associations (FOCA). Turns out, we are not alone. We gained insight and input from a multitude of lakes and waterway associations throughout our region and Ontario. The problem is not unique to Crowe Lake. It is a common phenomenon across southern Ontario.

A Natural Occurrence. The floating mats are a natural occurrence created by high water levels and/or storms that tear whole sections free from the shore. Thick ice in the wetlands, as it breaks up, also rips sections of island mats loose. These island mats migrate around the lake with changing winds and/or water currents. They either reattach to a new shore area or break up in heavy weather and float down river.

Record High Water Levels. With the record, high water levels during 2018 and 2019, a multitude of very large island mats detached during these periods and migrated with the winds and currents. The Trent canal system which includes Campbellford is undergoing extensive repairs which may also have impacted the water flow from Crowe Lake.

What can you do? MNR has advised and CVCA concurs that the island mats can be returned to their original sites, can be cut up and removed from the lake, can be relocated in approved wetland sites or can be

pushed back off shore. This is why cut marks can be seen on some island mats as property owners try to reduce the size and move the masses out from their properties. Other owners tried to move these masses back to where they came from. For example, Bayview Trailer Park tried to use boats to push the floating mats back to their wetland origins, but this met with limited success.

What is CLWA doing? Two members of CLWA board spent considerable time touring the wetlands located in the southwest area of Crowe Lake on the weekend. They found significant high water and ice stress along the various channels. We noticed, on our trip around the lake, that cantilevered docks and their guy wires, permanent in water docks and rocky shorelines sometimes caused the mats to “hang up” and anchor to that site. MNR advises that so long as the island mats are brown they can be moved but once they green up or attach to land, they must remain in place.

What does the TSW Recommend? The Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) has advised that the floating mats should be moved and anchored to suitable designated areas out of the navigational channel and away from private property. Due to their size, they recommended they be broken up into smaller chunks.

Is this New? These problems are not new and with ongoing high water levels in the spring, will occur year after year. With climate change, the agencies have indicated these conditions should be viewed as the new normal. Unfortunately, these floating island mats are considered a natural occurrence and nobody is claiming any jurisdictional oversight or responsibility to commit any resources to it or provide any resolutions.

Bottom Line. These are annoying; they are not new; they are natural; you can push floating matts back out to open water; if they anchor on your beach or lake-front you will have to remove them appropriately in consultation with the authorities. We hope this is helpful. Crowe Lake Waterway Association will continue to monitor this situation and keep our members advised of any updates.

This was posted on the CLWA Facebook Page and the CLWA website.



## CLWA Photo Contest

We are now inviting submissions for the 2019 CLWA Photo Contest. The contest is open to anyone. Photos will be judged in three categories by an anonymous panel of experts. The categories are:

- ◆ Crowe Lake and Its Beauty
- ◆ Wildlife Around the Crowe
- ◆ Recreation on the Crowe Lake Waterways

Photographs must be taken around Crowe Lake, Crowe River or Beaver Creek within the last two years. Send your name, address, telephone number, photo category *with a caption or a title*, and information on where the photograph was taken with each photo submitted. By entering, you are acknowledging your permission for CLWA to use your photo(s).

Prizes in each category: 1st prize \$50; 2nd prize \$30; 3rd prize \$20; and Honorable Mention.

There is a limit of one entry per category for a maximum of three pictures per person. There will be a limit of one cash prize per person, but there is no limit to the number of Honorable Mentions awards per person or per category.

Photos must be in a JPEG digital or a printed 4"x6" format.

Printed photos are to be mailed to: CLWA, Box 192, Marmora, ON, K0K 2M0 or dropped in the CLWA box at Marmora Insurance (Bennett's) on Forsythe Street in Marmora. On-line entries should be emailed to: [info@clwa.ca](mailto:info@clwa.ca). Any entry method is acceptable but on-line is preferred.



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## **“Throttle Back” – Fun on Crowe Lake without a Motor**

In this age of instant gratification, lightening fast internet, hour-long traffic, snarled city commutes to work and home, Xbox and Nintendo games which defy all imagination, TV shows which solve the world’s problems in less than one hour with 4 commercial breaks...it’s nice to be able to enjoy some quieter time, slower time, nature time at Crowe Lake...time to let go of the gas pedal, release the need for speed, and throttle back!

Fishing boats have been revolutionized by the speed and agility of the professionally designed bass boats; water-skiers and wakeboarders enjoy the thrust of the larger and more powerful inboard and outboard boats gracing our waterways. The pontoon boat has evolved from very humble beginnings to a family friendly/age friendly way to enjoy the water. While everything has its place, and there is much fun and family enjoyment to be had by all, we have noticed a pleasant, well-received trend towards non-motorized fun on the waters of Crowe Lake.



Non-motorized watercraft fun has always been on Crowe Lake. Besides saving on expensive gas, this helps protect water quality, aquatic life, and the natural eco-systems of the lake.

Canoes are as much of our Crowe Lake heritage as they are our Canadian heritage. Slim and sleek in design, the canoe offers a very relaxing, very comfortable way to enjoy our waters.

Back in 80s and 90s sailing became popular. Crowe Lake even had a sailing school! The white and multicoloured sails were a sight to remember as they navigated around the set course of buoys on the weekend. Racing

together helped to improve skills and encourage potential sailors. These offered much fun and a great many memories. These eventually sailed into the sunset, with fewer and fewer sailboats being seen on Crowe Lake these days.

The era of the windsurfer arrived, offering some fantastic exercise and agility opportunities when the wind was in your favour. We have some fond memories of watching family members learn how to use the windsurfer. Stand up, fall in, try again...stand-up, don’t fall in, master the wind and the sail, only to be rescued at the far end of the lake when they realized they had no idea how to turn around and sail back.



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Kite boarding has also become a newer, fashionable way to enjoy the wind and the waves; however, with the smaller size of Crowe Lake those opportune days are rather limited.



Kayaks have now started to make their presence known along our shores, and many avid paddlers find these to be a pleasant surprise from the days of paddling the canoe – myself included. Initial impressions were images of floating upside down, constantly tipping over; however, it was a very astonishing to discover how much easier using a kayak was, over the traditional canoe! You are ‘one with the water,’ easily peering into the depths, while enjoying the ability to easily maneuver in shallower waters where the canoe would be quite unforgiving. All this newly discovered fun, while getting fresh air, sunshine, and exercise, was amazing! We have noticed more and more families purchasing the “kayak kit” – kayak, paddle, car kit, and hitting the water in a safe, non-polluting way of enjoying Crowe Lake.

The latest in the line-up of ‘no throttle’ water fun: the Stand Up Paddle board, or SUP for short. I have yet to try my hand at one of these; the preference is to watch the younger and more agile try their luck and learn how to enjoy these. They now come in rigid and inflatable versions, making this an excellent option for those driving a small compact car and not wishing to strap something longer than their vehicle on the roof, while driving down the 401.

Throttling back is a great way to relax, enjoy Crowe Lake, and help protect the eco-system and waterways while enjoying all the beauty we have on the water and along the shorelines. Whatever suits your fancy, throttle back....and Crowe Lake will not disappoint!

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# Did You Know That...

...Turtles were here before the dinosaurs, have made it through 5 mass extinctions, but are now facing imminent threats to their survival. Although turtles can live a very long time (some biologists indicate they may live many hundreds of years), it actually takes at least 60 years for one snapping turtle to replace itself – and snappers are the most fecund (prolific egg-layers). (The Land Between Charity Turtle Guardians)

...The ongoing measles outbreaks are not limited to the United States. The World Health Organization has reported 34,400 cases in Europe in the first two months of 2019 — triple last year's count. Forty-three (43) cases of measles have been reported in Canada in 2019.

... If you are scouring the grates on your barbecue with a steel wire brush, those wire bristles can pose a safety hazard. There have been incidents of those bristles getting stuck in food and being accidentally ingested.

## 3 easy ways to create a wildlife-friendly garden at your cottage

Cottage Life, By Grace Hunter March 18, 2019



Photo by scooperdigital/Shutterstock

### Choose native plants

Native plants are species that are found naturally in an area. Because they're not supposed to need any help, being adapted to survive and thrive in their home landscape, they're the lowest possible maintenance choice for a garden. The most successful wildlife gardens use native plant species, which do not require reseeding each spring, rigid watering regimes, and fertilizers. Native plant species can be just as pleasing to the eye as traditional garden flowers—for example, swamp milkweed, black-eyed susan, and blue flag iris are all plants native to Ontario that produce beautiful flowers while also attracting butterflies and other wildlife. The Canadian Wildlife Federation website provides a list sorted by province of plant nurseries that supply native species.

### Rethink the lawn

Lawns take up a lot of outdoor space and reduce habitat for wildlife. They also demand quite a bit of upkeep from property owners, as anyone who has devoted time to watering, fertilizing, and mowing them can attest. Reducing a lawn's size or eliminating it altogether from a cottage property frees up natural space for native plants, while also saving time and money for the cottager.

### Let things get messy — Don't Rake the Leaves

Don't worry about keeping the wildlife-friendly garden tidy: this is one area of the cottage that can get messy. In the fall, avoid raking and removing all the autumn leaves. Instead, leave the leaves where they fall, or sweep them into garden beds. Not only will leaves nourish the soil as they decompose, many animals such as frogs, toads, salamanders, caterpillars, and worms use fallen leaves and brush for shelter. Leaf litter can in turn attract birds to the property, which will search piles of brush and leaves for insects to eat.



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## Wedding Gifts for Eco-Conscious Newlyweds

Here are some ideas for presents that prioritize environmental health, reusability, and/or sustainable lifestyles. And remember, purchasing locally sourced gifts is inherently more sustainable, as they rely less on fossil fuel transportation and excess packaging for shipping.

### Recycled Wine Bottle Drinking Glasses

Why not extend the shelf lives of glass bottles by gifting recycled wine tumblers? The Ultimate Green Store's glasses (sets of which range from \$30 to \$272) are handmade from recycled parts, polished smooth, and annealed (slowly cooled after molding), which makes them even more durable than regular glasses.

### Mason Jar Indoor Herb Garden

According to Millennial-targeted marketing, mason jars can solve most of life's problems, and indoor gardens can thrive in the darkest of micro apartments. Unfortunately, jar gardens can sometimes lead to limp, stubborn herbs—or worse, annoying fungus gnats. The Chicago-based Modern Sprout tackled that problem by creating an innovative hydroponic system within a mason jar which cycles nutrients up through plants' sensitive roots while regulating moisture in the larger chamber.

### Odor-Control Steel Compost Bin

With help from this cute, steel Natural Home Brands composter (\$30), the happy couple can divert their eggshells and vegetable scraps from landfills. A charcoal filter helps neutralize odors, and once their food scraps are composted, the resulting nutrients can go back into the soil.

### Yoga Mats Made From Recycled Wetsuits

If the newlyweds are yoga enthusiasts, Suga Mats (\$79) are the brainchild of a California surfer and yoga enthusiast who sought a solution to the waste produced by nonbiodegradable neoprene wetsuits. Suga Mats' creator worked with engineering experts to "recycle these petrochemical-based landfill-clogging neoprene monsters into highly functional instruments of yogic bliss."

## Solar-Powered Portable Fridge/Freezer

Looking for an outrageously practical and long-lasting gift for that really outdoorsy couple, check out the solar-powered Engel AC/DC Portable Fridge-Freezer. Reviewers rave about its multiyear durability and extreme energy efficiency. It can be used as a fridge or a freezer, with options for coolness settings, and uses only one to three amps per hour, which means on a vehicle battery it won't compromise other critical resources like steering and lights. The only drawback? It runs over \$800, not including the solar panel—so consider it for a group gift.

### Eco-friendly Pet Gear

Check out kitten-soft organic cotton collars (\$24) from WiglyWoos, nontoxic chew toys (starting at \$9) made with recycled materials (for the discriminating power chewer) from Olive Green Dog, and a collapsible travel bowl (\$16) from Cycle Dog.

### Hand-Crank Solar-Powered Emergency Radio & Flashlight

This conveniently sized, solar-powered emergency radio (\$24) from iRonsnow is ideal for camping, power outages, or any emergency situation. Its hand crank is easy to use; it's equipped with USB ports for multiple phone charges; and the LED flashlight is bright enough to illuminate distances of 50 yards, tapering off into a dimmer circumference. With a radio signal designed to pick up AM/FM, NOAA, and weather stations for emergency updates, it's one fitting gift for those tying the knot in the age of climate change.

### Solar-Powered Portable Water Filter

Hikers, first responders, and international travelers alike rave about this portable solar-powered water filter from Puralytics (\$45). The purifier relies on "sunlight-activated nanotechnology" to filter water through a coated mesh catch that destroys organic contaminants. Easily portable and reusable, it is designed to enhance emergency preparedness (many reviewers reported using it as an alternative to suspect tap water), international and remote travel, disaster relief, and backcountry camping.





## Update on B.O.G.s Aka Bullrushes On the Go

The season of 2019 repeats the unwanted arrival of large masses of bullrush mats on the waterfront, rocks and beaches on the Crowe. I think the numbers this year are greater than 2017 and 2018. I never imagined that climate change would look like this! High water levels and fast changing temperatures create natural breakaway BOGs!

The organizations like CVCA, MNR & F and M&L claim that the B.O.Gs are not their area of responsibility. Perhaps that's because they have no teeth and no money.

Residents on the lake are not happy with the situation as it is. They can push the mats off their property, knowing that that mat may arrive on someone else's waterfront. That doesn't sound right some how!

CLWA has investigations ongoing, This is not over yet!

Thanks for the data, pictures and experiences that you have shared on [info@clwa.ca](mailto:info@clwa.ca).

Hopefully we can have some more ideas to share by the AGM on July 13th.

The BOG Committee: Norma Crofts, Jeff Alderson and Chris Reid



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## Cottage Cooking with CLWA

### Frozen Strawberry Dessert

- 1 cup flour
- 1 / 4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 / 2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 / 4 cup butter, melted
- 2 egg whites
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups sliced fresh strawberries
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 cup whipping cream, whipped

Combine first 4 ingredients in a small bowl; stir well. Press mixture in bottom of a 13x9x2 inch baking dish; set aside. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Let cool 10 minutes and crush into crumbs. Sprinkle two-thirds crumb mixture into bottom of 13x9x2 inch baking dish; set aside. Combine egg whites (at room temperature), sugar, strawberries, and lemon juice in a large mixing bowl; beat at high speed of an electric mixer for 10 minutes. Fold whipped cream into strawberry mixture. Spoon mixture over crumbs; top with remaining crumb mixture. Cover and freeze 8 hours or until firm. Cut into squares and serve immediately. Yield: 12 servings.



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Curt Farrell, Sunset Shore



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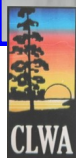
## Canoes Are Vessels and Subject to Impaired Driving Laws

On Nov. 15, 2018, an Ontario judge ruled that canoes are "vessels" under the Criminal Code of Canada, making them subject to the country's impaired driving laws. Previously, the Criminal Code had only applied these laws to motorized road vehicles. The Code also had no clear definition for the term "vessel." The historic ruling is related to the tragic death of an eight-year-old Huntsville boy on April 7, 2017. Had the judge ruled that a canoe is not a vessel, only the charge of criminal negligence causing death would have been upheld.

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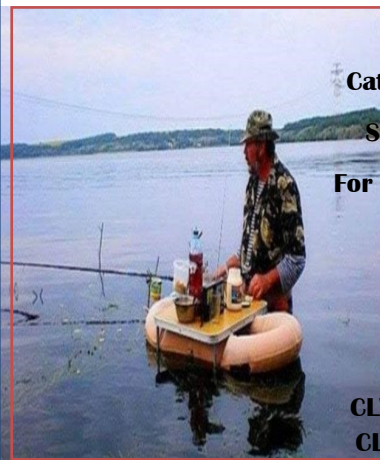
- June 29 CLWA World Famous Lighted Boat Parade and Fireworks on the Lake
- July 1 Canada Day
- July 1 Scavenger Hunts at Bayview and Booster Parks
- July 6 Pike Only Fishing Derby
- July 13 CLWA AGM
- Nov 1 Deadline for 2019 Photo Contest entries

### 2019 CLWA AGM

When: Saturday, July 13, 9 AM to Noon

Where: Marmora Area Curling Club on Crawford Ave,

Agenda includes Invited Guests including the new Mayors from Marmora and Havelock, CLWA Committee Reports, and Election of 2019-20 Officers and Directors



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### Poker Run Future Uncertain

The Marmora Historical Foundation Poker Run, normally held during the August long weekend, is in doubt. Cathie Jones, who died in February, was one of the driving forces for the event. It's not known who will take on the event. It was the primary fund raiser for the Foundation. Watch the Facebook pages and websites of the Historical Foundation, M&L and CLWA for more information.

### R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Safety and Courtesy on the Water— with a Thank You to Aretha Franklin and Jack's Lake *Smoke Signals*.

**R** Respect safe boating practices, your neighbor on the water and on the shore and the environment

**E** Equip your vessel with the necessary safety and emergency equipment

**S** Slower vessels like sailboats, kayaks and canoes have the right of way

**P** Personal Water Craft are subject to the same safety requirements as other vessels

**E** Every powered craft operator requires a pleasure craft operator's license

**C** Caution and slow down when operator near shore

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